

# Photochemical Reactions as Key steps In Organic Synthesis.

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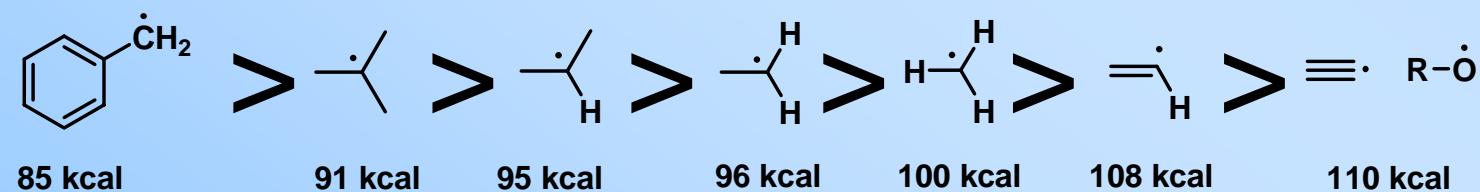
# Introduction

Generalities :

2 options to induce radical reactions :

- Photochemical (light as energy source) :  $h\nu$
- Thermochemical ( $\Delta$  as energy source) : peroxyde, diazo...

Radical stability :

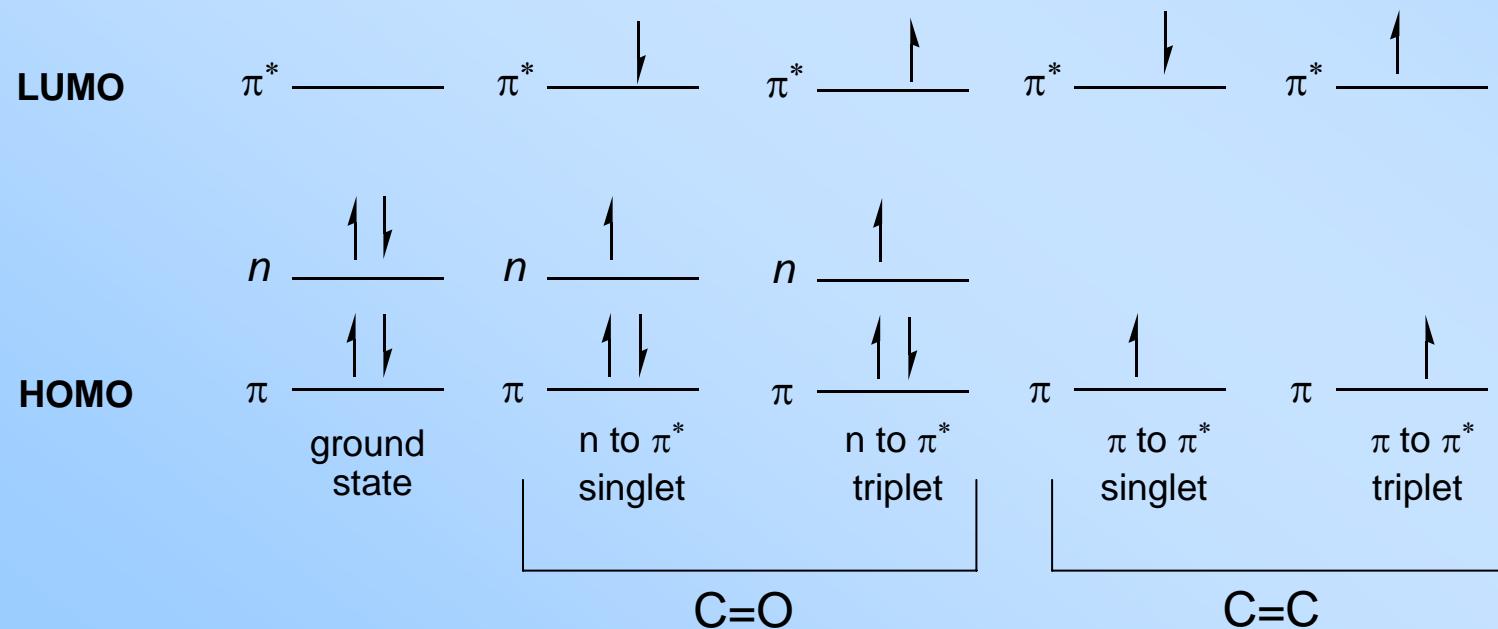


# Introduction

Photochemistry :

- initiated by light
- Chemically useful light is generally in the range of 200-400nm
- Absorption of a photon induce an electronic transition  
(ground state → excited state)

usually C=O and C=C



# Introduction



Rayonet (New England Ultraviolet & Co)  
external irradiation



Immersion  $h\nu$  reactor  
Internal irradiation

# Introduction

Why using photochemical reaction in total synthesis ?

- advantages :
- obtention complex, polycyclic, or highly functionalised structures
  - form thermodynamically disfavoured products
  - diminish formation of byproducts
  - often occurs without additional reagents
  - the reagent is cheap (sunlight), easily accessible and renewable

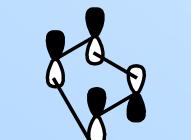
- constraints :
- wavelength choice
  - reactivity is often unpredictable
  - many substrates are not compatible
  - solvant choice
  - material expensive

## 1) PHOTOCYCLOADDITION

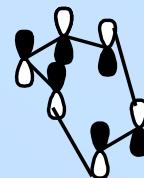
### The Woodward-Hoffmann-Fukui rules of cycloadditions

Number of Electrons	Mode of activation	Dewar-Zimmerman
$4n$	thermal photochemical	suprafacial (pair) antarafacial (impair)
$4n + 2$	thermal photochemical	antarafacial suprafacial

$n$  : an integer



$[\pi 2s + \pi 2a]$   
antarafacial



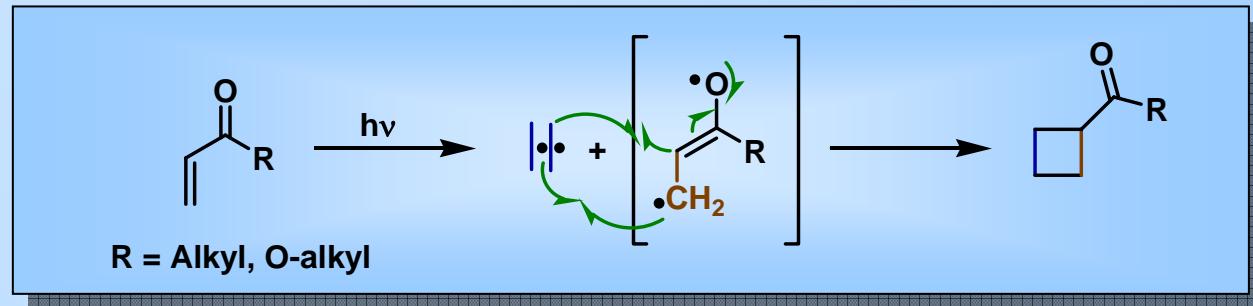
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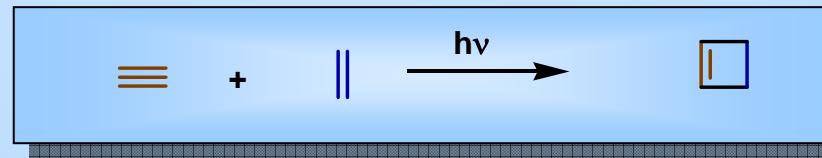
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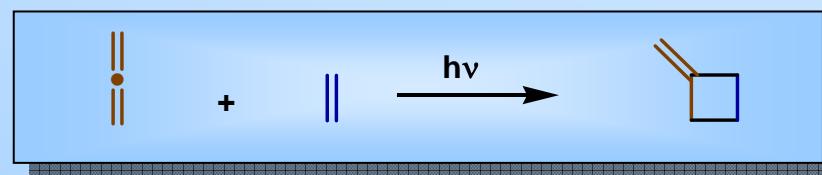
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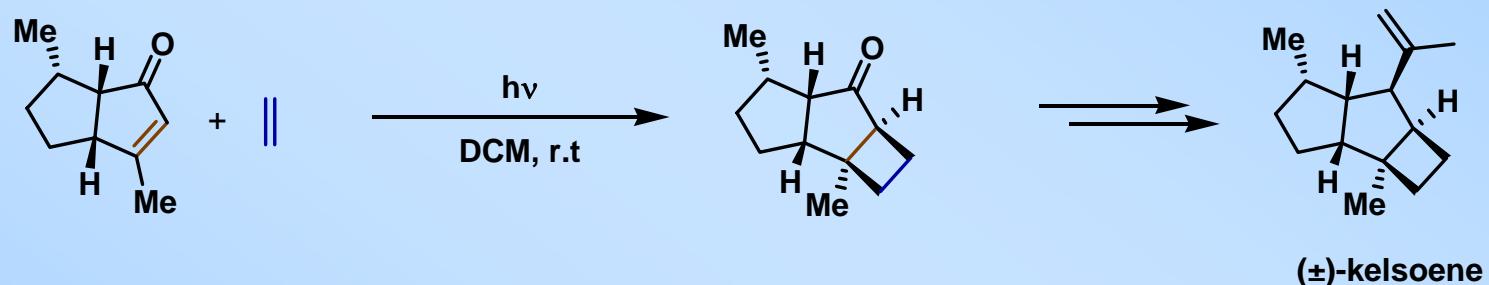
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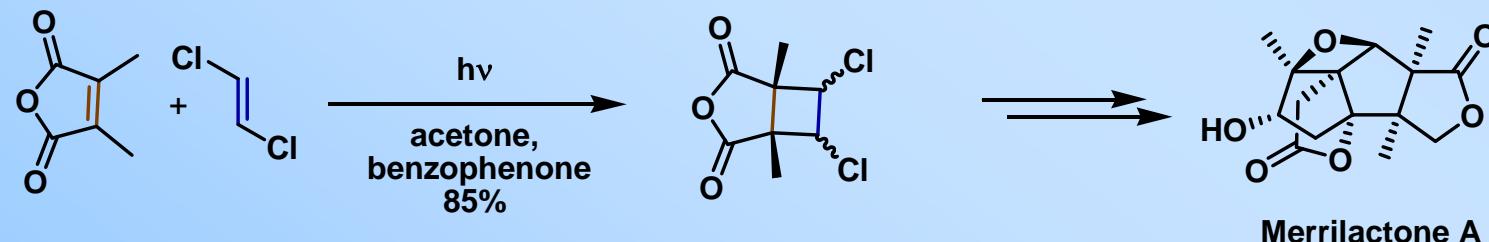
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[2+2] Intermolecular



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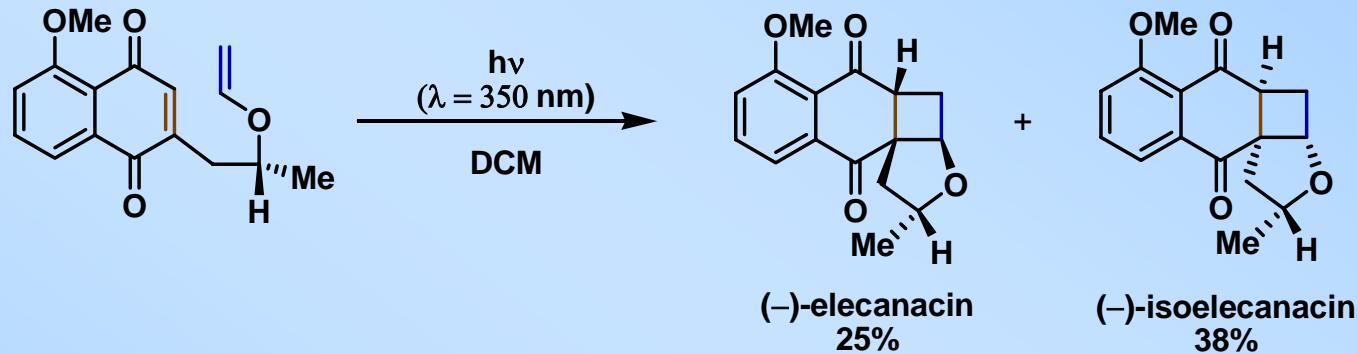


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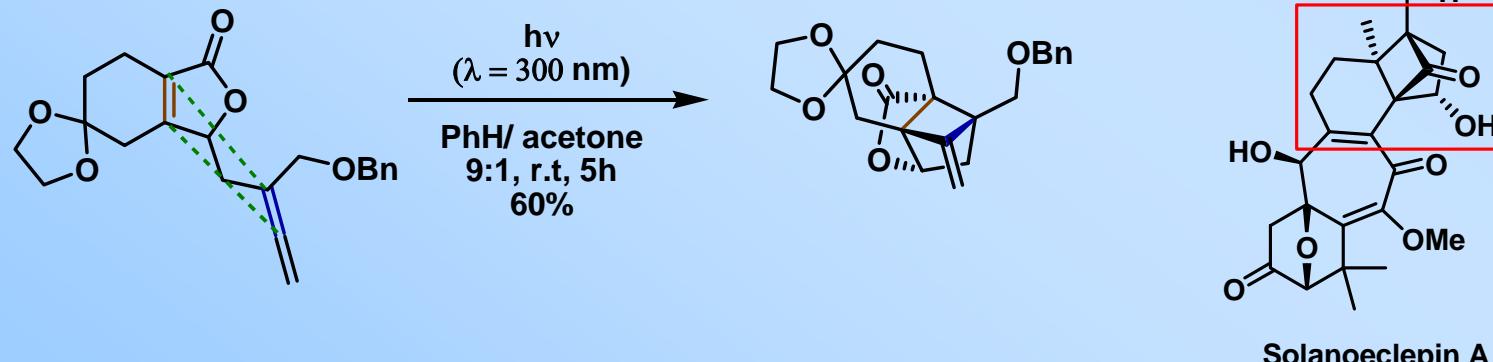
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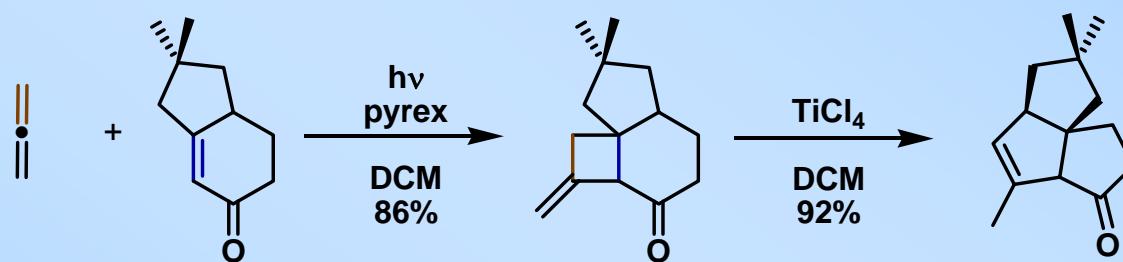
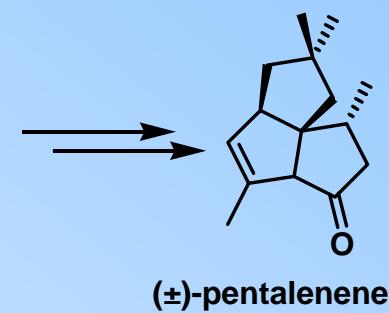


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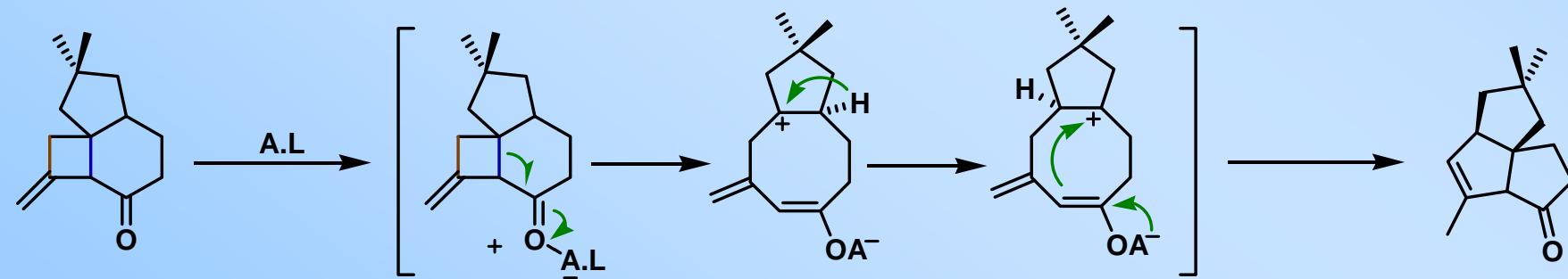
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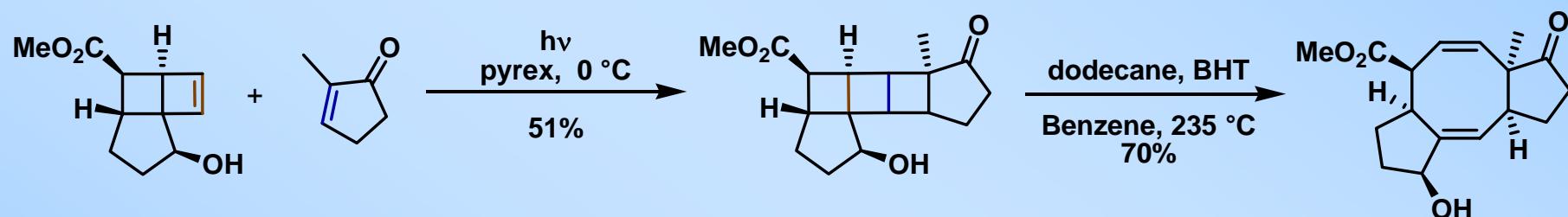
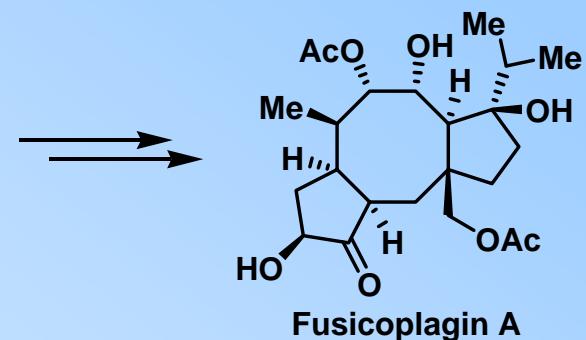


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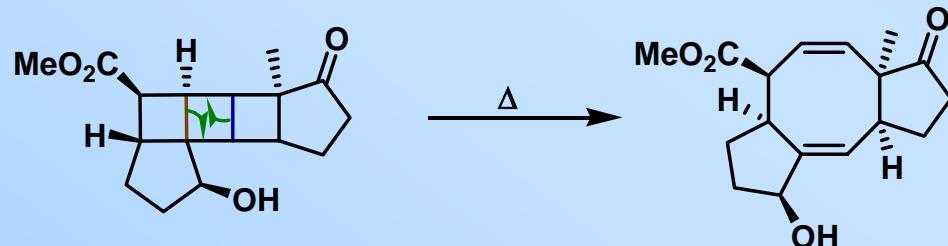
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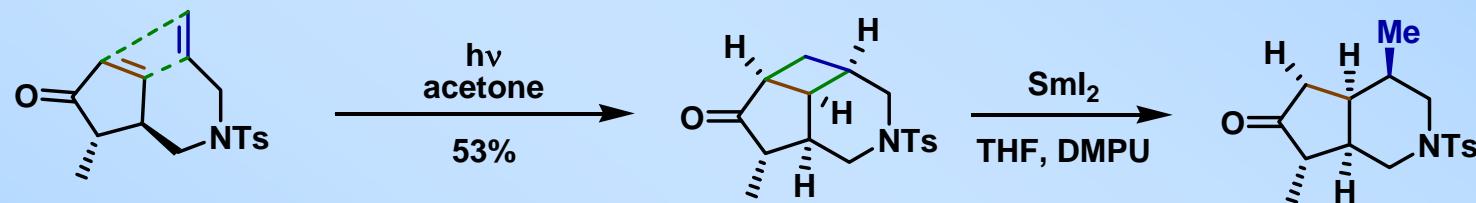
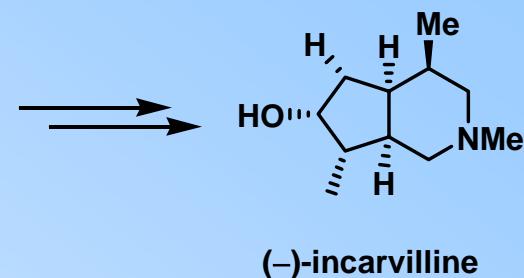
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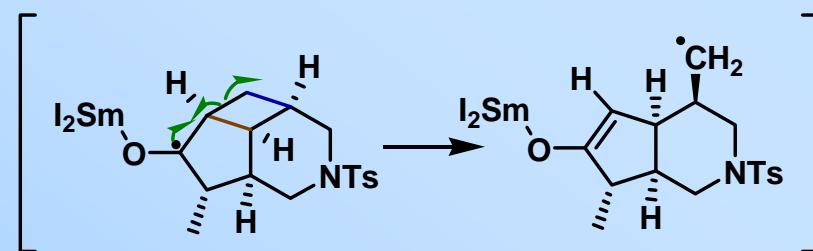
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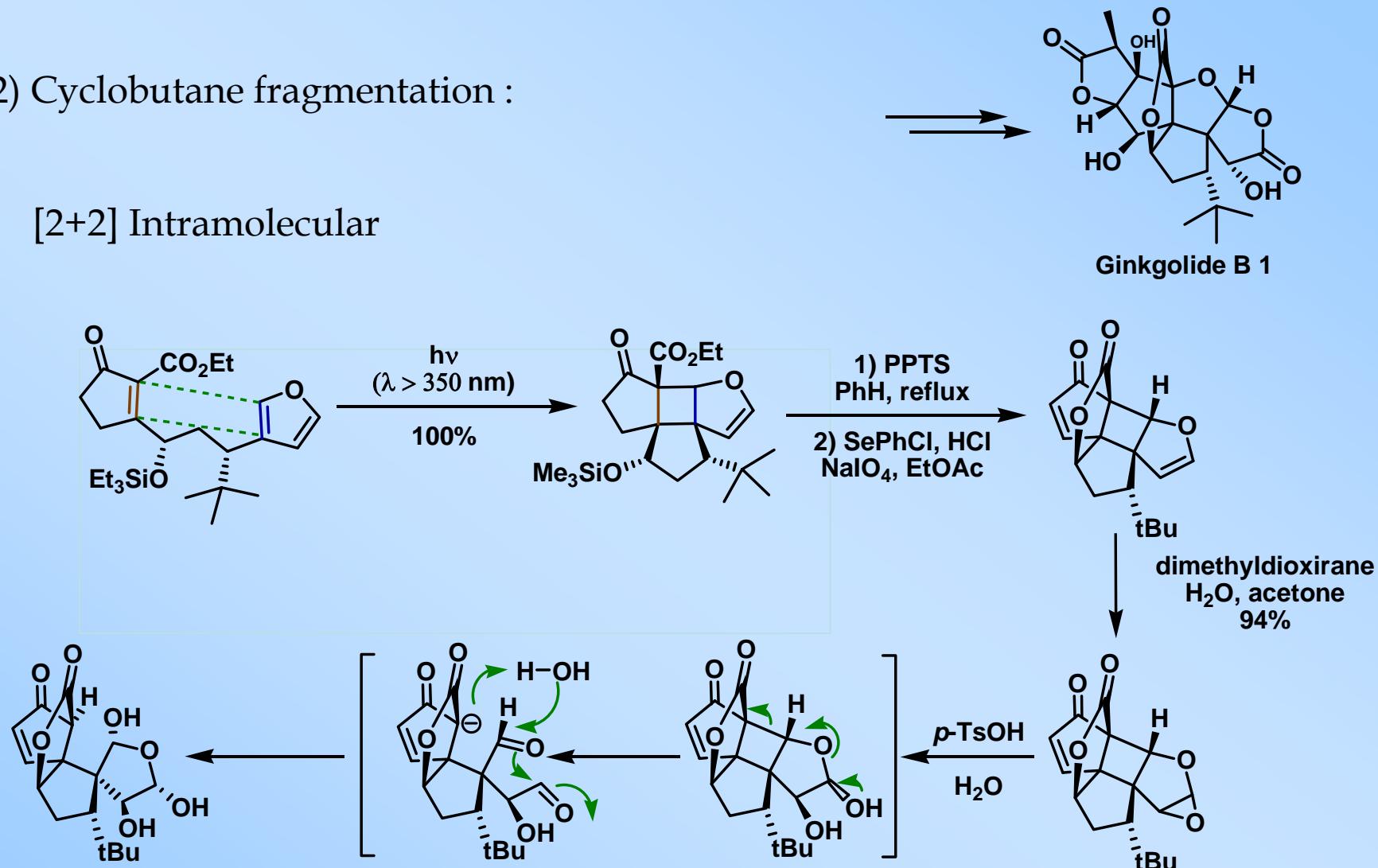


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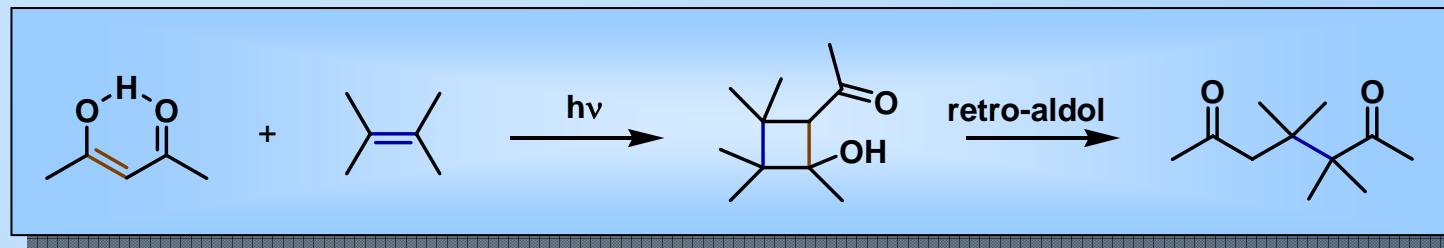
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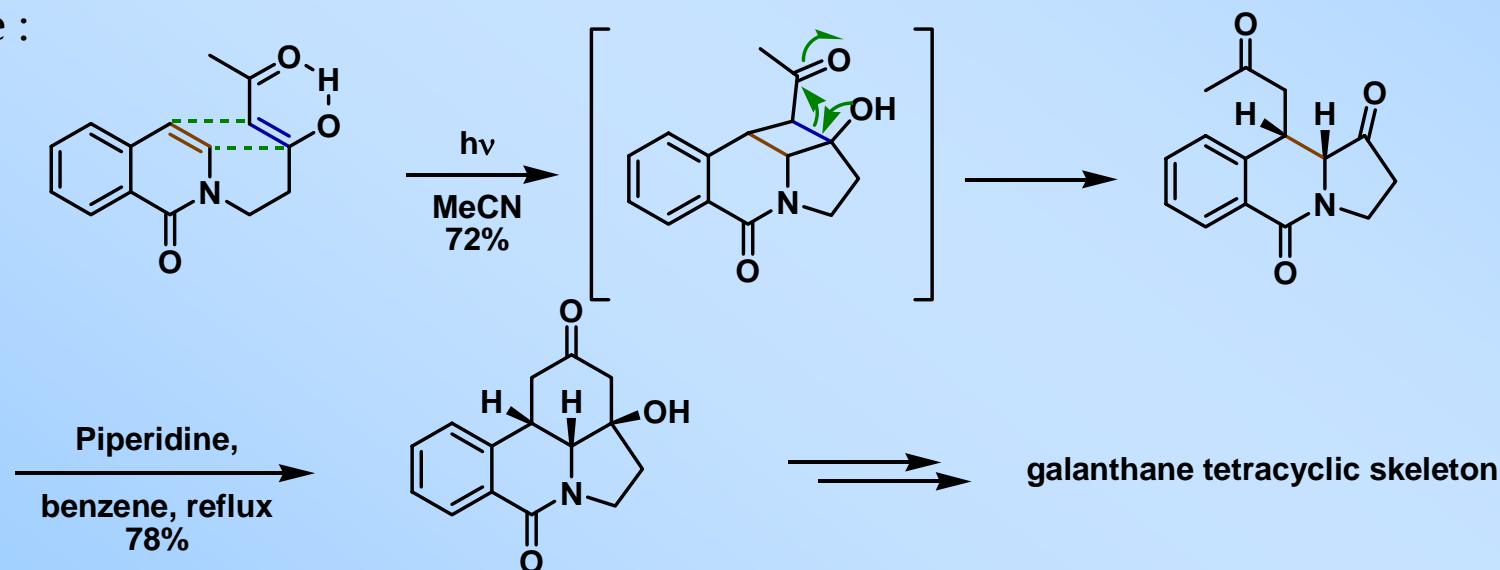
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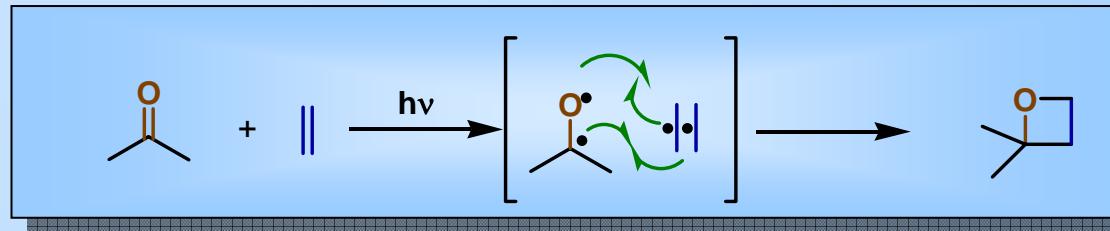
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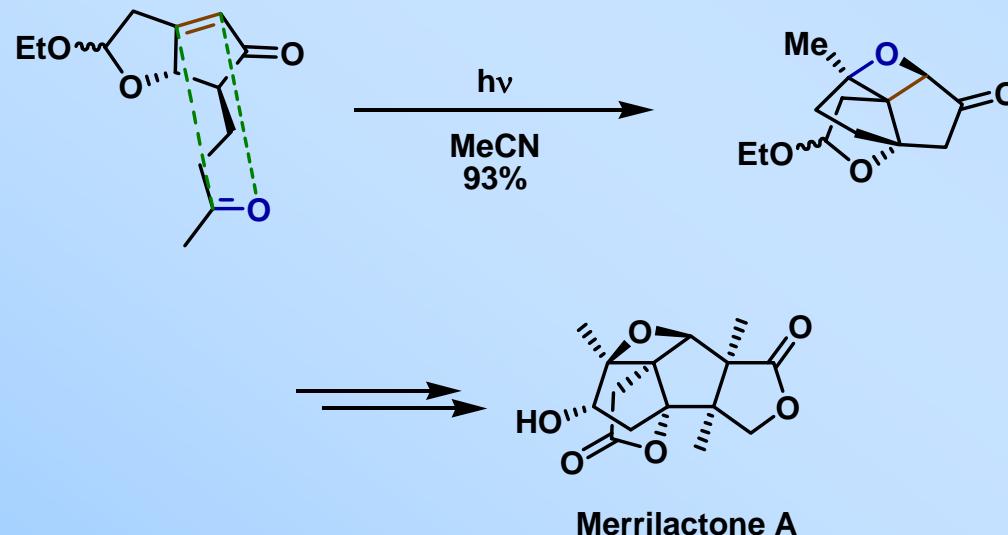
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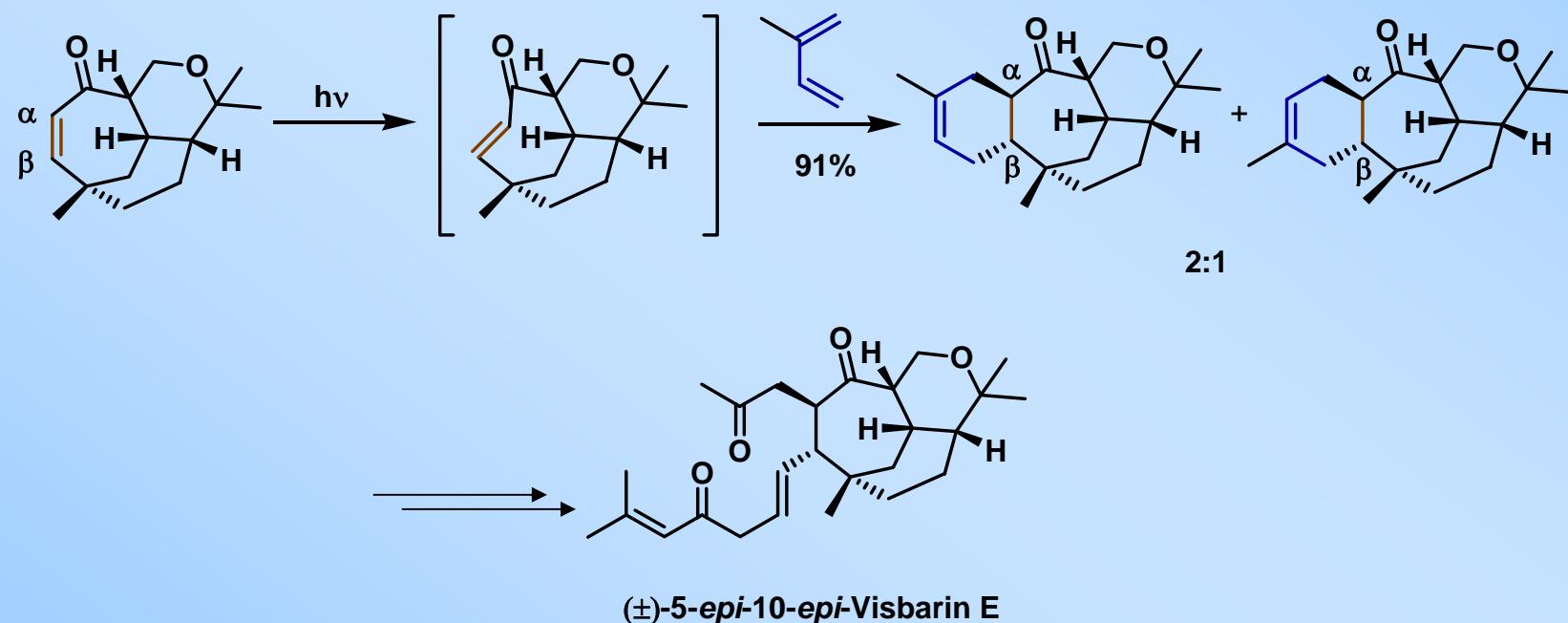
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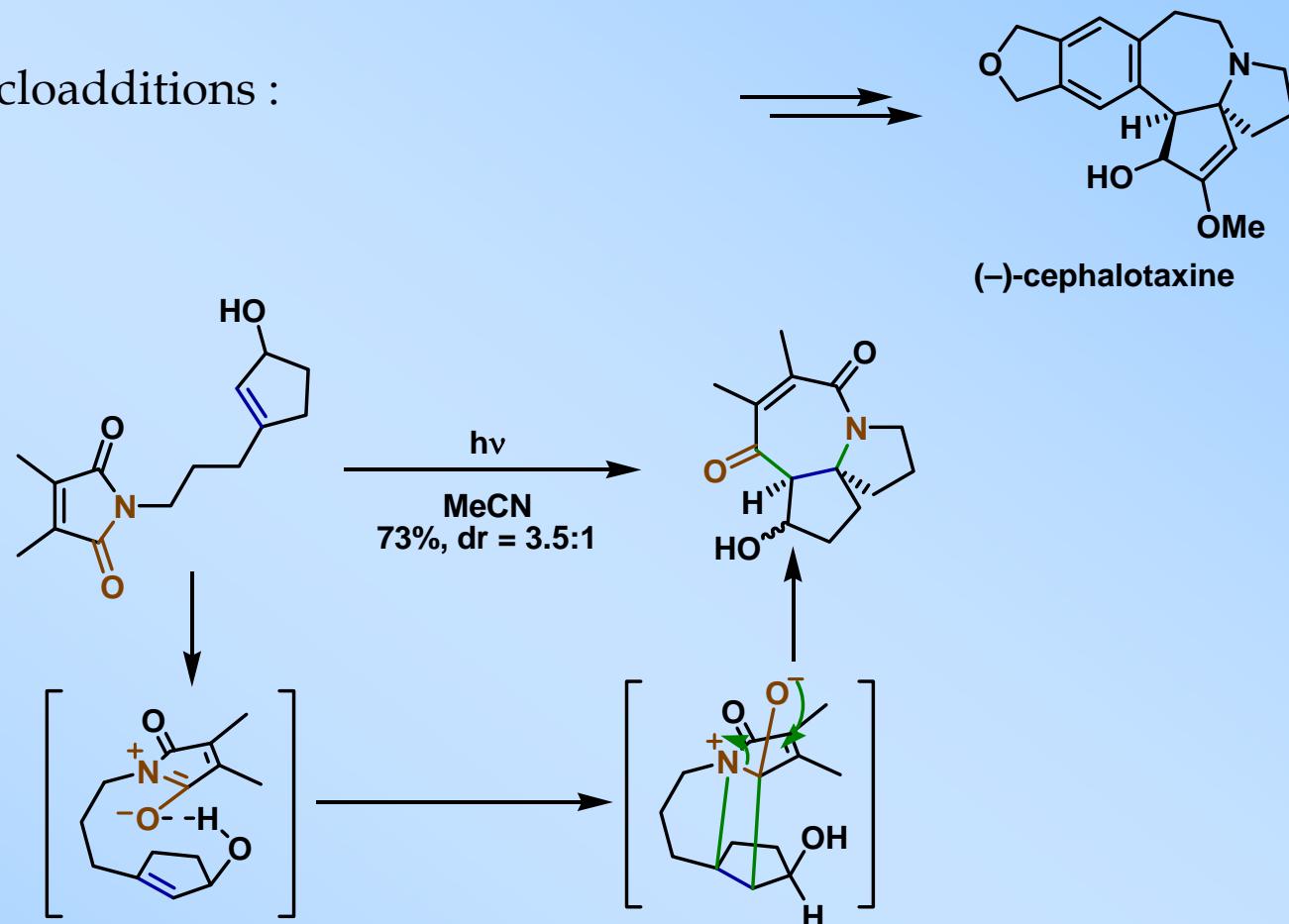
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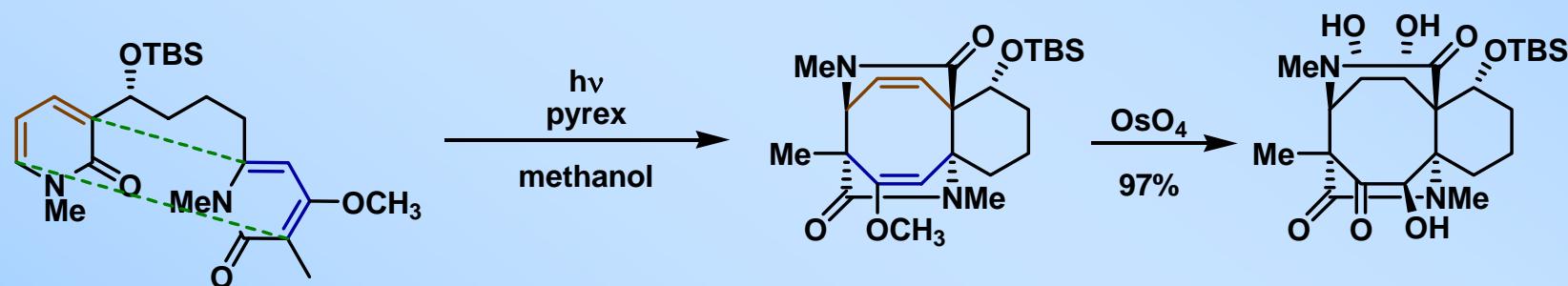
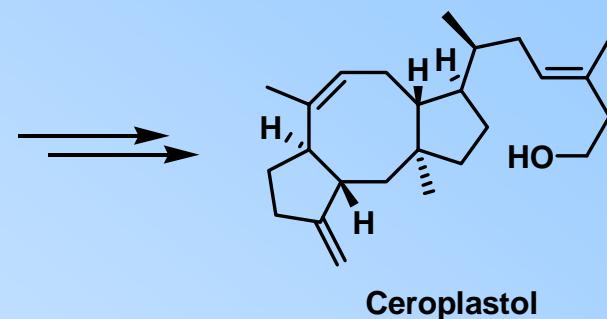
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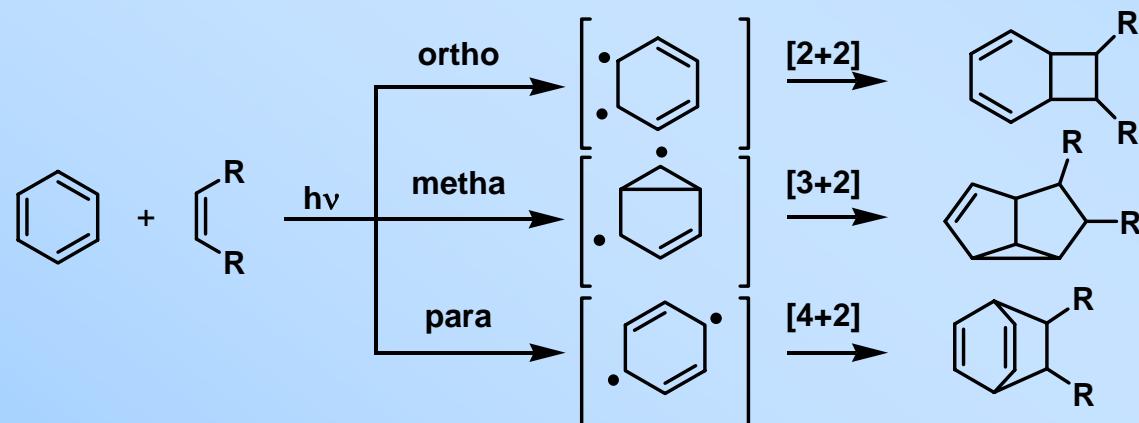


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d) photocycloadditions with aromatic compound :

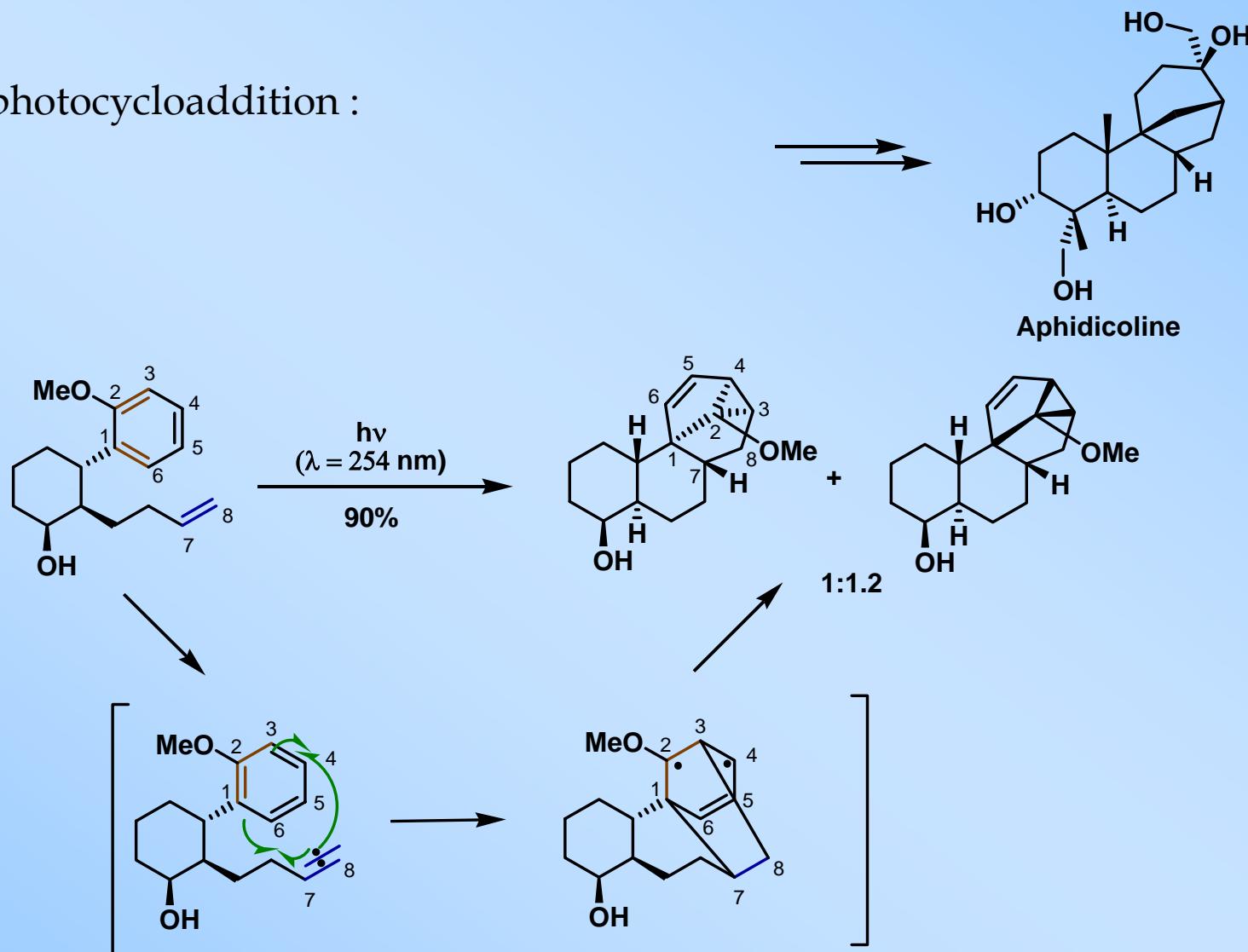
for these compounds :

- a strong tendency to lose aromaticity at the excited state
- 3 types of photocycloaddition [2+2], [3+2], [4+2]



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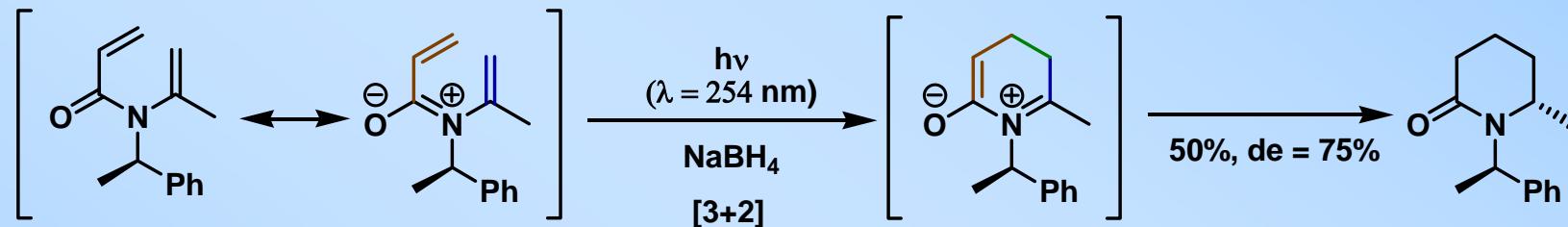
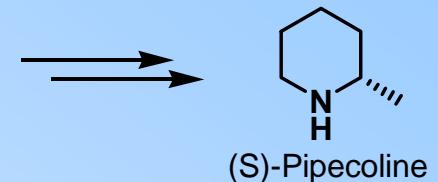
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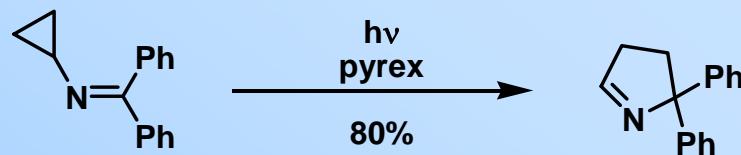
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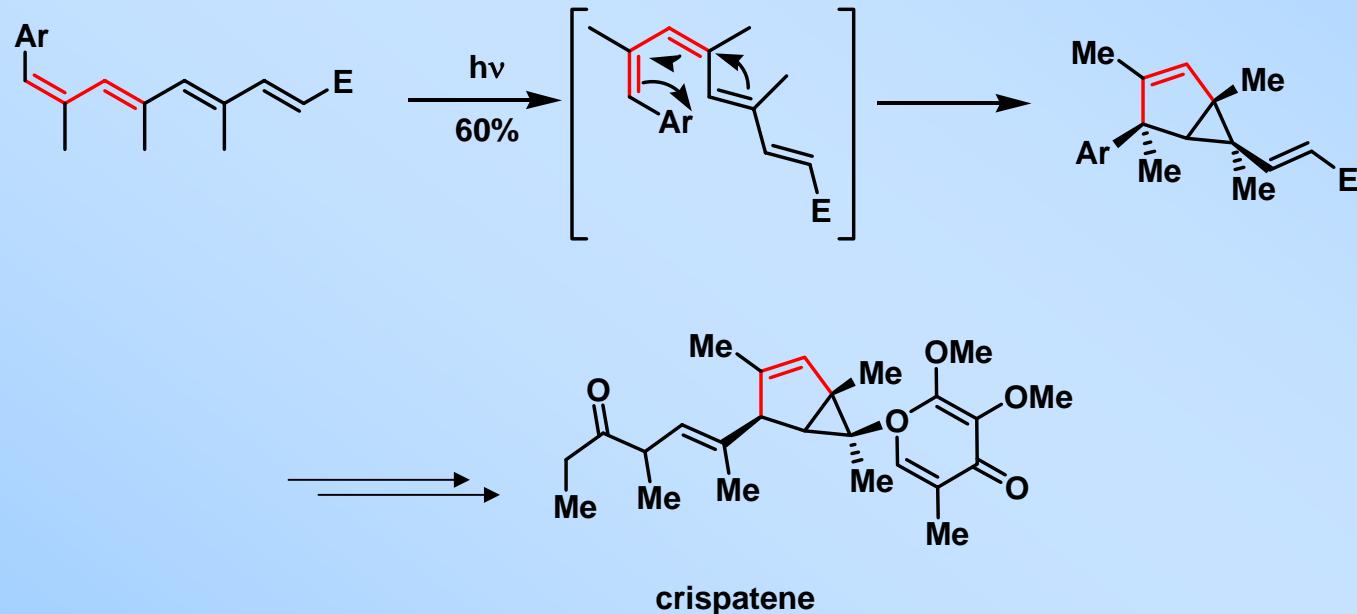
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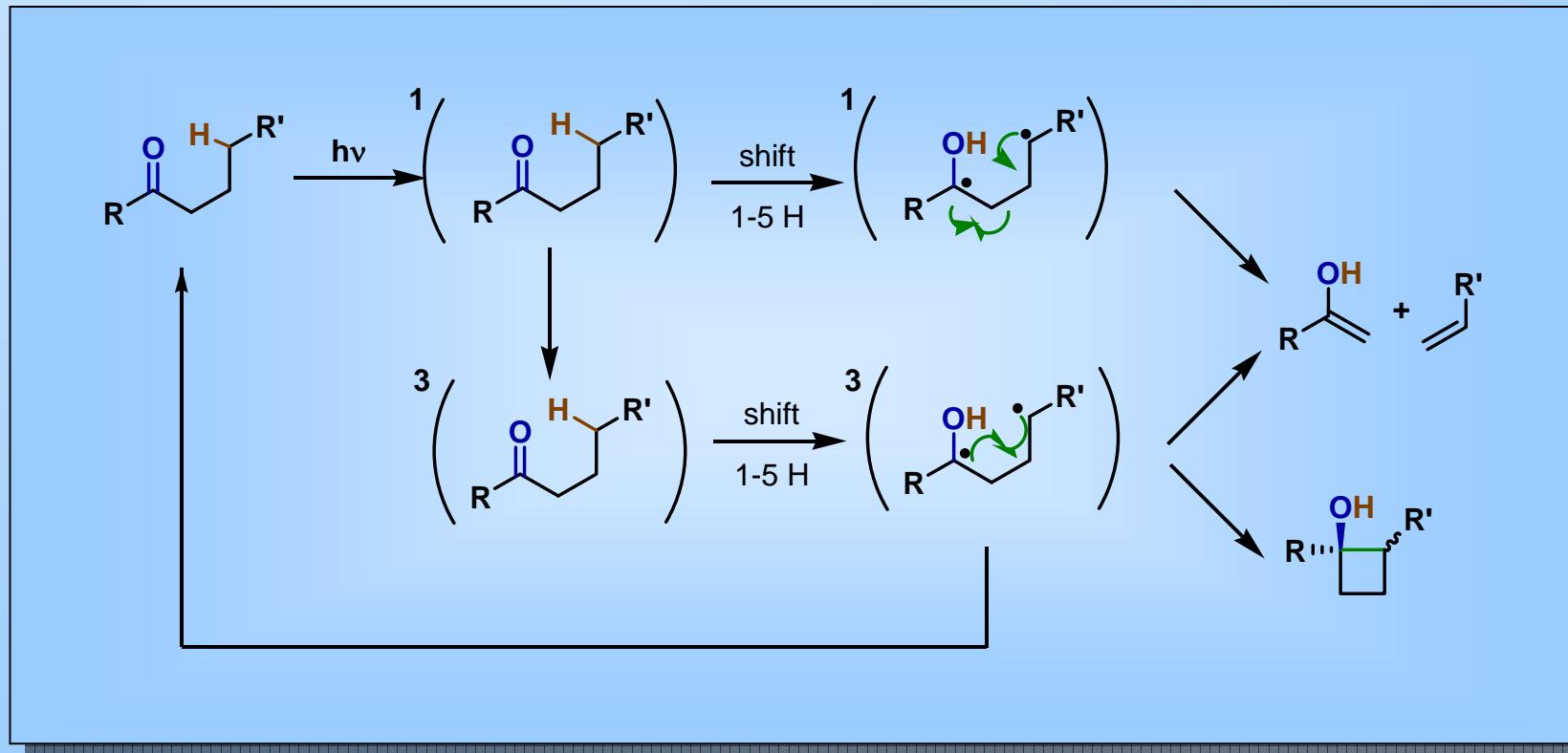
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b) [4+2] photorearrangement :



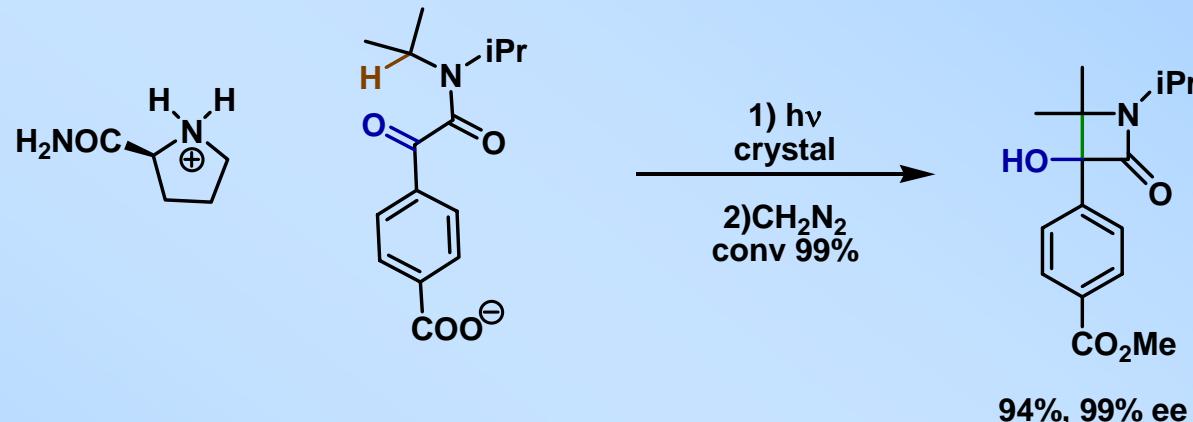
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- Norrish-Yang reaction : H atom in the  $\gamma$  position

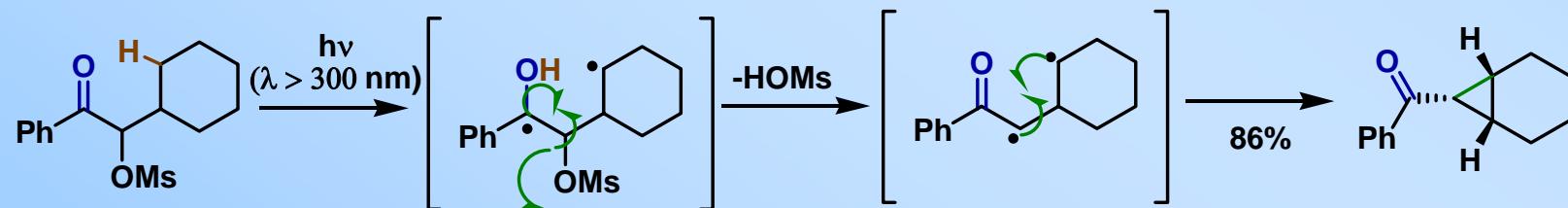


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- Norrish-Yang reaction : examples



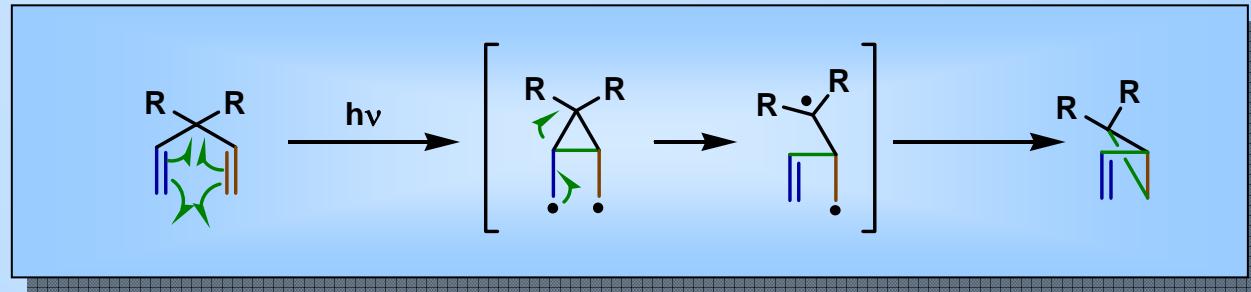
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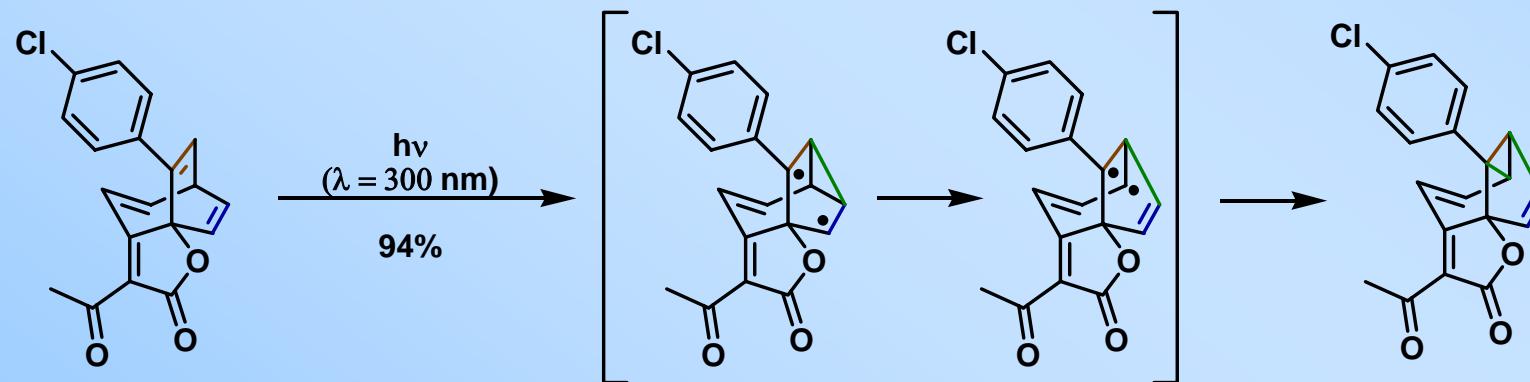
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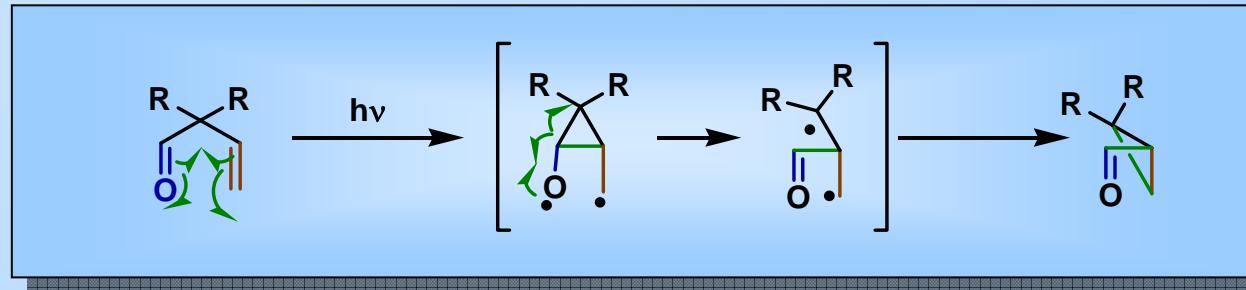
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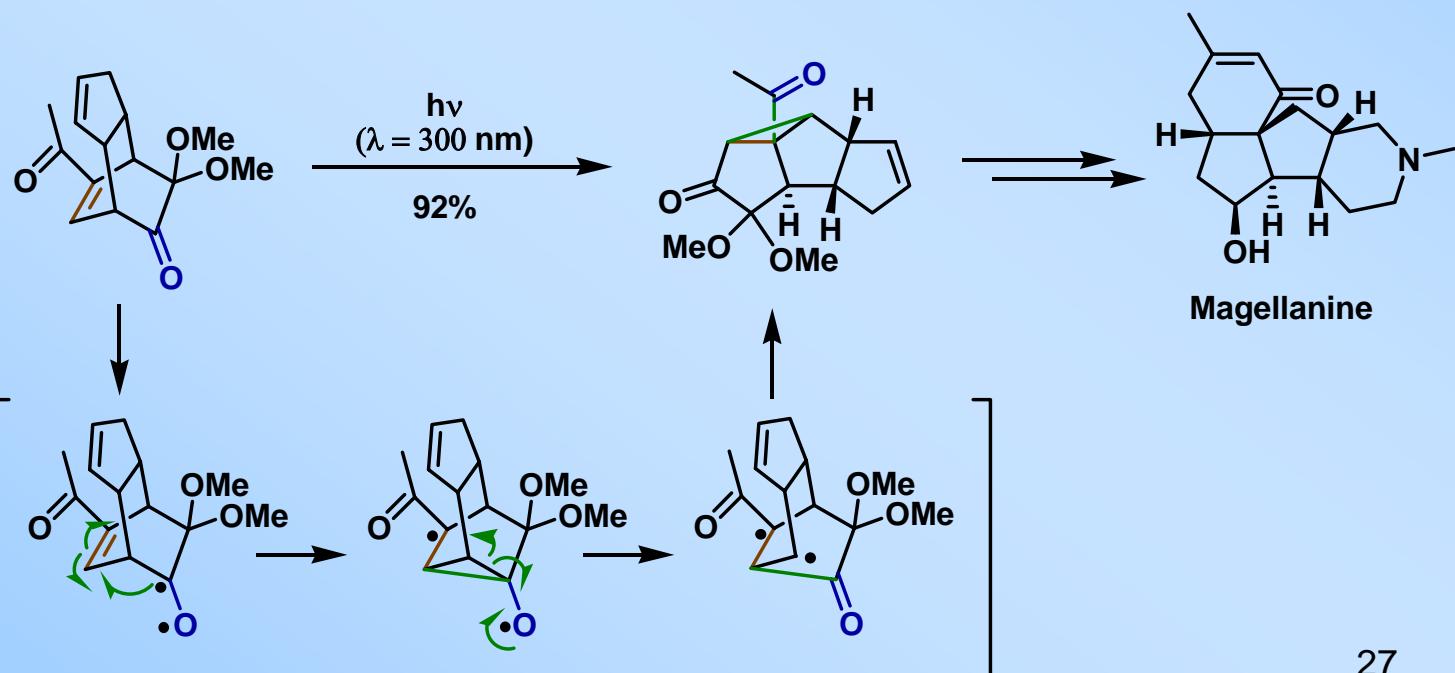
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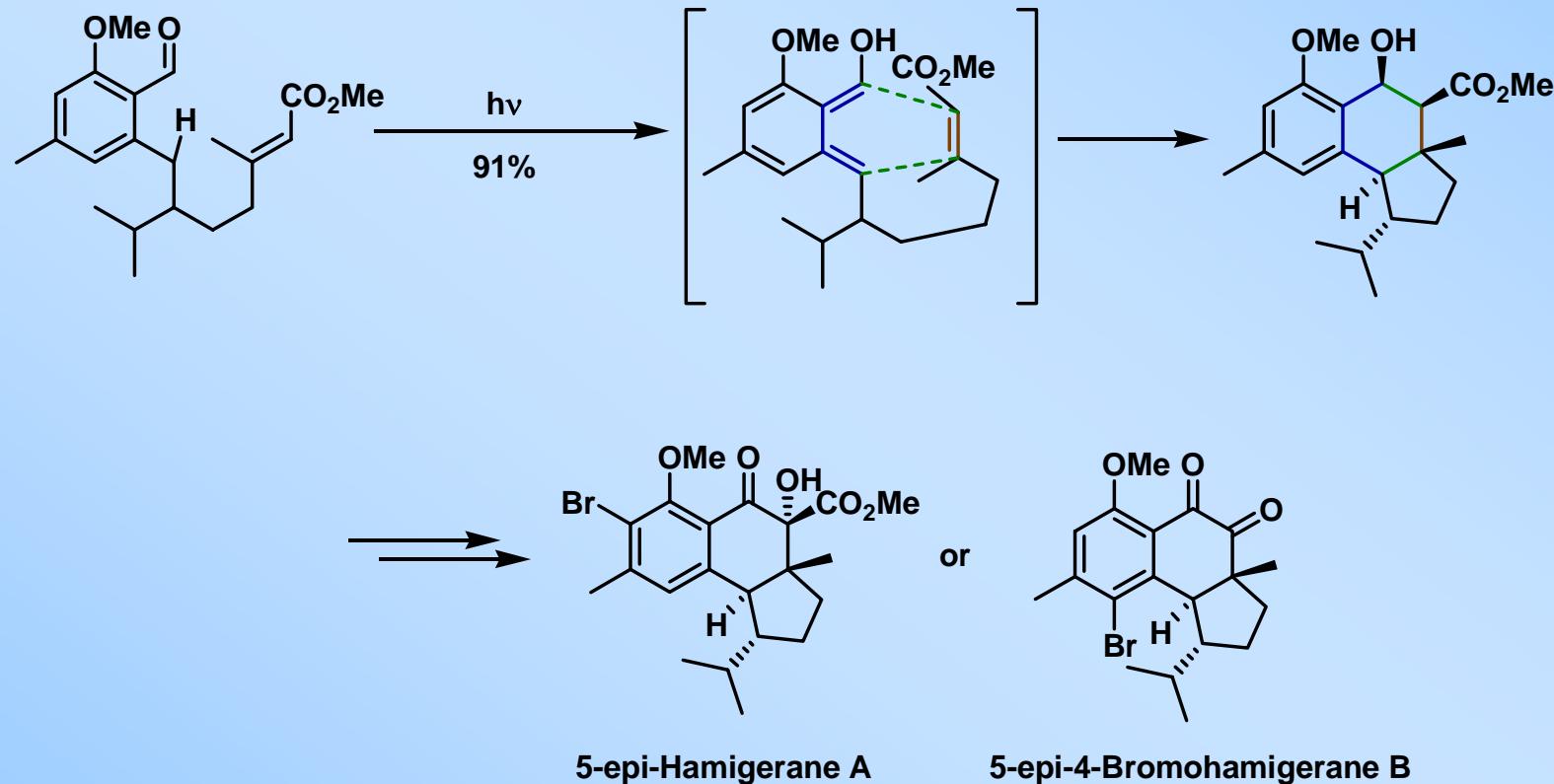


- Examples :



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- example of hydroxyquinodimethane derivative



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# Conclusions

- access to polycyclic complex molecules
- installation of quaternary carbons atoms
- stereocontrol of multiple stereocenter
- powerfull set of fragmentation

# Perspectives

- asymmetric reaction
- using solar ligh for green chemistry

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